

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, November 17, 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission

16.198

An Order

To purchase 30.7 ± acres in the Mineral Hills Conservation Area

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The *Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2011-2018* recommends preserving open space to expand the Mineral Hills Conservation Area southerly to connect to Route 66 and fill in wildlife and walking trail gaps;

WHEREAS, The owner of 30.7± acres located on Westhampton Road/Route 66, one of the gaps between the Mineral Hills Conservation Area at Turkey Hill and the Mineral Hills Conservation Area south of Route 66, has agreed to sell their property for \$125,000, which is below the City's assessed value;

WHEREAS, This purchase will build the Mineral Hills link and help achieve a priority parcel for both ecological linkage and climate change adaptation;

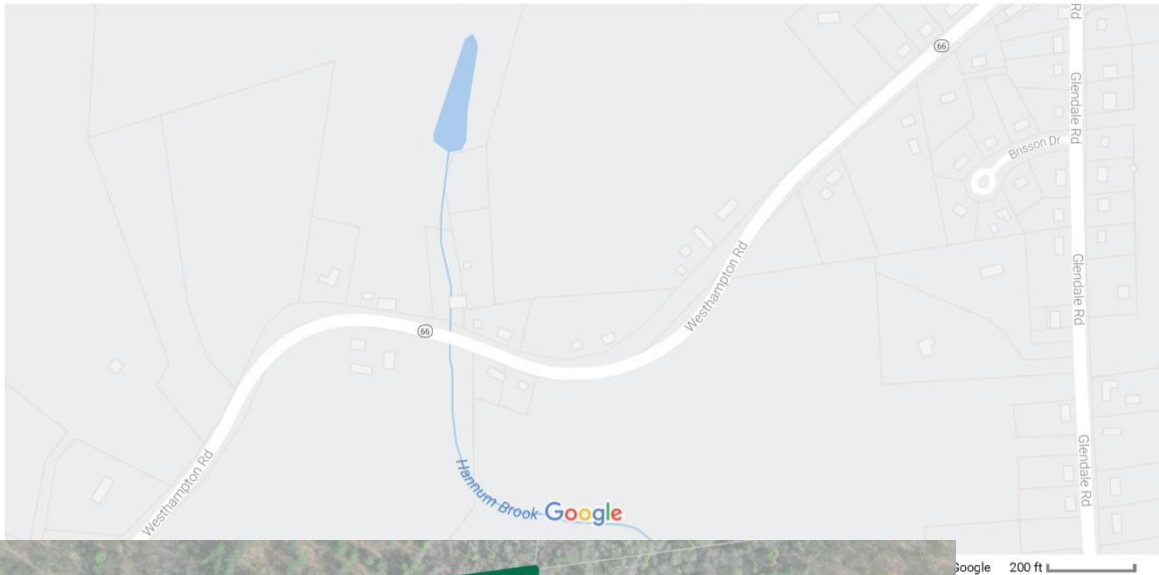
WHEREAS, Funding will come from Community Preservation Act, other grants, and community contributions;

Ordered, that

The Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C, any fee, easement or conservation restriction as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31 or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land, with such related restrictions and agreements as the City determines are agreeable;

Further, that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions;

Further, that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant conservation restrictions on any land so acquired.



Subject area

